



<u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING NUCLEOTIDE BY FERMENTATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed August 29, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the original Sequence Listing at pages 38-41.

Page 45 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached substitute Sequence Listing.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 8 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have now submitted a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the